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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN/ MAURITIAN RELATIONS

1. IX- MAN NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION LED BY VICE FONMIN DJEUNG MYEUNG SOU VISITED MAURITIUS MARCH 10-15 OVER LOCAL INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY. WHILE VISIT BEGAN INAUSPICIOUSLY FOR VISITORS WITH FAILURE DISPLAY NORTH KOREAN FLAG AT ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES, AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS IN OFFICIAL MEDIA ON CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM SOUTH KOREAN PRES PARK, FONMIN DUVAL SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD AMBASSADOR IT HAD BEEN AGREED ESTABLISH NON- RESIDENT NK/ GOM DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. GOM NOW RPT NOW CONTACTING SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES, SINCE MAURITIUS WISHES ANNOUNCE ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS AT SAME TIME. ACCORDING DUVAL, DELEGATION TOURING AFRICAN AND ASIAN COUNTRIES AND HAD ASKED COME HERE SOONER BUT GOM HAD POSTPONED IN EFFORT ADD LUSTER ITS CUSTOMARY ANNIVERSARY GUEST LIST. HE CLAIMED QUESTION NORTH KOREAN AID DID NOT COME UP BUT " PERHAPS IT WILL WHEN WE GO THERE".

2. COMMENT: NORTH KOREANS HAVE SOUGHT ESTABLISH SOME REGULAR ENTREE HERE. SINCE SPECIAL VISITORS WERE ALWAYS WELCOME, HOWEVER, AND SINCE WE UNDERSTAND NON- RESIDENT NATURE REPRESENTATION IS FAVORED BY GOM, STEP SEEMS UNLIKELY POST SIGNIFICANT SECURITY PROBLEM HERE. LOCAL SERVICE NEVERTHELESS REMAINING ALERT.

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